

Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND MEETING

At approximately 8:30 a.m., March 24, 2004, the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza Building, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance with the exception of Mr. Vern Kassekert. Also in attendance was the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Rosellen Condon. President Tom Dickson conducted the meeting.

The Board first reviewed and approved the agenda for this meeting. The Board next addressed the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2004. Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2004, be approved as written. The motion passed.

The Board now convened the closed, quasi-judicial portion of the meeting.

The first item of a quasi-judicial nature, on which the Board took final action, involved the pharmacist license of Mr. Donald A. Samuelson. Ms. Condon first presented the Board with a proposed Stipulation and Order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Donald Samuelson. The Stipulation and Order was developed subsequent to a conference held with Mr. Donald Samuelson on February 11, 2004, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The proposed Stipulation and Order has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Donald Samuelson. Mr. Donald Samuelson, now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed Stipulation and Order.

After discussing the proposed Stipulation and Order with Mr. Donald Samuelson, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the Board accept the proposed Stipulation and Order and that Mr. Holmstrom sign the Order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The second item of a quasi-judicial nature, on which the Board took final action, involved the pharmacist license of Mr. John T. Samuelson. Ms. Condon first presented the Board with a proposed Stipulation and Order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. John Samuelson. The Stipulation and Order was developed subsequent to a conference held with Mr. John Samuelson on February 11, 2004, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The proposed Stipulation and Order has been agreed to and signed by Mr. John Samuelson. Mr. John Samuelson, now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed Stipulation and Order.

After discussing the proposed Stipulation and Order with Mr. John Samuelson, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that the Board accept the proposed Stipulation and Order and that Mr. Holmstrom sign the Order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The next item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, involved a request by Mr. Daniel B. Astrup that the Board consider the reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy. Mr. Astrup's license to practice pharmacy was revoked during March of 2002. Mr. Astrup, now, personally appeared before the Board to discuss his request for reinstatement. After discussing the issues surrounding Mr. Astrup's request, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that a panel of the Board meet with Mr. Astrup during the next thirty days and develop a proposed Order of Reinstatement and Probation that can be presented to the Board as a whole at its meeting of May 5, 2004. The motion passed with Mr. Holmstrom, Ms. Condon, and Ms. Betty Johnson identified as the panel members to meet with Mr. Astrup.

The next item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, was an application for licensure by reciprocity submitted by Ms. Megan Marra. Ms. Marra is currently licensed in West Virginia, where her license is subject to certain restrictions as a result of disciplinary action taken by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy. After discussing Ms. Marra's situation and her application for licensure by reciprocity, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that Ms. Marra be given the opportunity to participate in the reciprocity examination and, if she passes, she will be required to meet with a committee of the Board to develop conditions for her licensure as a pharmacist in Minnesota. The motion passed.

The Board now returned to its open session.

At this time President Dickson welcomed Mr. Mike Simko, from Walgreens corporate office, to the meeting. Mr. Simko was invited to appear before the Board to discuss a new robotic dispensing system being proposed for installation in certain Walgreens pharmacies in Minnesota. After receiving the information presented by Mr. Simko, and discussing the proposed robotic system with him, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board authorize the installation of Walgreens robotic dispensing system in Minnesota pharmacies, and requested Mr. Simko to notify the Board of when and where the system will be installed, and requested that the pharmacist-in-charge of each pharmacy, where the installation will occur, submit a variance request to the Board for the operation of the unit. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies, which it has received since its last meeting. The first application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Allina Community Pharmacy - Medical Arts, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Mr. Patrick Oberembt, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, subject to Mr. Oberembt improving the patient-counseling area by relocating an OTC fixture, and subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Davita Clinical Research, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Mr. Harry Alcorn, Jr., Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that the area identified for licensure is less than the required 200 square foot minimum, Mr. Gary Schneider moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, and that a variance relating to the overall space to be licensed be similarly granted contingent upon the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Fairview Cedar Ridge Pharmacy, in Apple Valley, Minnesota, by Ms. Stephanie Coyle, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Mayo Clinic Pharmacy - Northeast, in Rochester, Minnesota, by Mr. Philip Christiansen, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and after noting that Board of Pharmacy staff had already inspected the proposed new pharmacy, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that the application be approved and a license issued. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreens #06916, in Oak Park Heights, Minnesota, by Mr. Troy West, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The sixth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-5437, in St. Paul, Minnesota, by Mr. Joshua Welborn, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area which, from the blueprints, is unclear. The motion passed.

The final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Witt's Pharmacy - LTC, in Rushford, Minnesota, by Mr. Thomas Witt, Interim Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Gary Schneider moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to reports from its standing committees.

The Board first addressed the report from the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force. Mr. Holmstrom presented the Board with a list of continuing education programs submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of February 10, 2004 and March 9, 2004. Ms. Betty Johnson then moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that those programs recommended for approval by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force be so approved and that those programs for which the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force recommended denial of approval be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the report of the Examination Committee. The first item was a presentation of the scores of candidates for licensure by reciprocity and by examination. After a review of the performance of candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that, having passed the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination required of candidates for licensure by reciprocity, the following candidates be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE</u>
8563	Jennifer Marie Friehe	NE
8566	James G. Roppo	CO
8570	Steven Patrick Calloway	CO
8571	Sonya Rene Dvorak	SD
8572	Jerome Roger Kappes	SD

The Board next turned its attention to performance of candidates for licensure by examination that have now completed all parts of the January 2004 Board Examination. For Full Board Examination candidates, the Board determined that, in grading the examinations, the NAPLEX portion of the exam would be weighted at 65% of the total, the Board's Practical Examination weighted at 20% of the total, the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination weighted at 15% of the total, and that the minimum passing score on each of those parts, as well as the minimum overall score, would be 75. With the passing level thus established, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the following candidates be granted licensure as pharmacists:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
Maribeth Susan Creek	8562	117945-1
Kiet Huynh	8565	117947-7
Kimberly J. Rossman	8555	117948-0
Mark W. Mohr	8567	117950-3
Jon Royal Schraut	8568	117951-6
Sunghhee Park	8569	117952-9

The motion passed.

The Board next received a report from the Rules and Legislation Committee wherein Mr. Holmstrom summarized several pieces of pharmacy related legislation making their way through the legislative process. No formal action by the Board was required nor taken.

The Board next addressed itself to the report of the Variance Committee. In addition to the Variance Committee report, Mr. Holmstrom provided the Board with additional information previously requested from Mr. Dennis Thackeray, at Cub Pharmacy, in Eden Prairie. After reviewing and discussing the Variance Committee report and the additional material submitted by Mr. Thackeray, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Variance Committee report be approved and that the previously deferred variance request submitted by Mr. Thackeray, for Cub Pharmacy, in Eden Prairie, likewise be approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a list of pharmacists who have not renewed their personal licenses to practice pharmacy for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004, and who are eligible to be dropped from the roles of licensed pharmacists in Minnesota. After reviewing the list of pharmacists, Mr. Gary Schneider moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the pharmacists whose names appear on the list attached to these minutes be dropped as licensed pharmacists in Minnesota. The motion passed.

The Board next entered into a discussion of a letter it received from Pharmacist Michael Dudzik, Director of Pharmacy at St. Luke's Hospital, in Duluth, Minnesota, expressing concern over the lack of an acceptable method for the disposal of outdated and/or discontinued medications, not only from Minnesota pharmacies but from the general public.

The Board acknowledged that the disposal of unused medications is a significant issue and a significant challenge, and agreed to continue to explore the issue.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a letter he received from Ms. Mary Ann Wagner, of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, requesting clarification on the interpretation of MN Rule 6800.1010 in view of the work being done by the Drug Enforcement Administration to move from a paper system of recording controlled substance purchases to an electronic system. The Board did not take final action on this issue, but will explore it further in the interim and discuss the issue again at its May meeting.

Mr. Holmstrom next led a discussion of the Board's desires, vis-à-vis on-line licensed renewals and on-line licensed verification, that are being developed in conjunction with the Board's new database. The Board provided input on the various items and will continue to work with GL Suites in establishing the programming necessary for implementing on-line renewals and verifications.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, President Dickson adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:20 p.m.

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VARIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
March 3, 2004

New Variances

Coborn's Pharmacy (Little Falls)

Alice Sunde, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of automated counting cells and cassettes distributed by Baker 2000 System in the pharmacy

Approved – one year (on condition ongoing training is provided)

Coborn's Pharmacy (Sauk Centre)

Dennis Heinen, PIC

Request permission to provide St. Michael's Nursing Home emergency stock box with a supply of Morphine 20mg/ml oral solution in a quantity of 30 mls

Deferred (concern over possibility of overdosing; why not use 1 ml oral syringe or premeasured UD cup?)

Econofoods Pharmacy #331 (St. Peter)

Gail Strand, PIC

Request permission to add automation to the dispensing process to improve efficiencies and accuracy, in order to allow pharmacists more time for patient consultation

Deferred (rewrite policies and procedures to address guideline points)

Fairmont Medical Center (Fairmont)

Joel Moore, PIC

Request permission to dispense prepacked sample generic medications to initiate a hypertension protocol

Approved – one year (under item #5, what are your sample medication policies?)

Fairview Oxboro Pharmacy (Bloomington)

Kathy Paulsen

Request permission to dispense medications from Fairview Oxboro Pharmacy to patients at the Eden Center Clinic, Cedar Ridge Clinic and Riverside Peoples Clinic, using the ADDS system

Approved – one year

Health Partners Central MN Clinic Pharmacy (St. Cloud)

Art Ruzanic, PIC

Request permission to provide pharmaceutical health care services to primarily Latino communities in both Cold Spring and Melrose

Deferred (on conditions: 1) you address each item on the Prescript guidelines in your policies and procedures and send us a sample copy; and 2) physician must sign off on all dispensing

HFA Addiction Medicine Clinic (Minneapolis)

Douglas Darling, PIC

Request permission to allow for an expansion of Methadone Maintenance Treatment programs involving a Mobile Medication Unit to the neighborhoods requiring this treatment

Denied (show us where DEA says this is okay)

Market Pharmacy (Bemidji)

Thomas Thompson, PIC

Request permission to maintain a separate inventory at Market Pharmacy owned by Bemidji State University, with our pharmacist dispensing prescriptions from BSU's stock, and then delivered to BSU Health Service on a daily basis for distribution by the nurse practitioner on duty to the patients

Approved – one year (describe for the Board how prescriptions get to your pharmacy)

Mayo Clinic Pharmacy - Northeast (Rochester)

Philip Christiansen, PIC

Request permission to allow drive-up services at our pharmacy, in which all communication would be accomplished through a two-way closed circuit audio and video link

Approved – Permanent

Minnewaska District Hospital Pharmacy (Starbuck)

Donald Samuelson, PIC

Request permission to move records during remodeling of the hospital

Approved – one year (as long as the pharmacy has only access to the records)

Murray County Memorial Hospital Pharmacy (Slayton)

Trace Hafner, PIC

Request permission to allow Murray County Memorial Hospital Pharmacy to maintain prepackaged medications in a one-day supply for the satellite clinic opening up in Chandler, Minnesota

Deferred (1) use variance form; and 2) address policies found in guidelines)

Omnicare-Minnesota (Crystal)

Gary Oien, PIC

Request permission to provide an emergency kit to Phoenix Residence

Approved – one year (only if a licensed nurse is on duty at all times; Ativan oral tabs also okay)

Omnicare-Minnesota (Crystal)

Gary Oien, PIC

Request permission to accept returned medication from the St. Croix Jail

Approved – one year

Park Nicollet Health Services (St. Louis Park)

Erika Breuer, PIC

Request permission to install prescription drop boxes at all twelve Park Nicollet pharmacy locations

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Request permission to utilize the Omnicell automated medication dispensing system for use at

Walker Methodist, in the same manner as was done for Clearbrook Good Samaritan Center

Deferred (how is the Omnicell loaded and by whom?)

Preferred Choice Pharmacy (New Brighton)

Sandra Smilanich, PIC

Request permission to provide pharmacy services to North St. Paul Transitional Care utilizing automated dispensing

Approved – one year (what kind of device will be used?)

Rx Express (Blaine)

Larry Lindberg, PIC

Request permission to add 120 square foot of noncontiguous space to Rx Express, in Blaine, for storage of drugs to be dispensed to mail order customers

Approved – one year (Inspectors revisit)

Thrifty White Drug #727 (Waseca)

Dale Rudolph, PIC

Request permission to utilize the ScriptPro SP100 robot in the Waseca, Minnesota location

Deferred (in your policies and procedures under: 1) item 5C, specify who is "authorized pharmacy staff"?; 2) item 5D, how is check done?; and 3) item 6A, is this what pharmacist does?)

Walgreens Pharmacy #2038 (Minneapolis)

Paul Schwinghammer, PIC

Request permission to utilize automated counting Baker cassettes distributed by Baker APS systems in our pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreens Pharmacy #1811 (Minneapolis)

Joseph Brennan, PIC

Request permission to utilize automated counting Baker cassettes distributed by Baker APS systems in our pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreens #06489 (Shakopee)

Jill Ponce, PIC

Request permission to utilize automated counting Baker cassettes distributed by Baker APS systems in our pharmacy

Approved – one year (on condition you address how handling of return to stock will be done)

Extensions to Current Variances

Abbott-Northwestern Medical Bldg Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

James Cicchese, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing a 3:1 technician-to-pharmacist ratio at the Abbott-Northwestern Medical Building Pharmacy

Denied (must get technician certified or remodeling completed; remodeling plans look okay)

Bethesda Home Pharmacy (St. Paul)

Kimberly Berkowitz, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing changes and additions to narcotic emergency supply at HealthEast Residence Transitional Care Unit

Approved – one year

Chronimed Inc. (Minnetonka)

David Busch, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the area noted as "Section A" to be the pharmacy's designated licensed pharmacy

Approved – Permanent

Cuyuna Lakes Pharmacy (Crosby)

Frank Ruzich, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows Cuyuna Lakes Pharmacy to dispense sample medications

Approved – one year

Fairview University Medical Center – Riverside Campus (Minneapolis)

Stephen Ritter, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the Tech-Check-Tech program

Approved – one year (send us copy of documentation of required Tech-Check-Tech program compliance)

Fairview University Medical Center – Riverside Campus (Minneapolis)

Stephen Ritter, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the storage of records off site

Approved – one year

Fairview University Medical Center – Riverside Campus (Minneapolis)

Stephen Ritter, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the storage of the NCR copy of medication orders for 30 days with the original copy being kept in the patient's chart

Approved – one year (NCR copy must be kept if notes not on original or in computer are made on the NCR copy)

Fairview University Medical Center – University Campus (Minneapolis)

Scott Knoer, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the storage of records off site

Approved – one year (send us copy of documentation of required Tech-Check-Tech program compliance)

Fairview University Medical Center – University Campus (Minneapolis)

Scott Knoer, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the storage of pharmaceuticals outside the main central pharmacy

Approved – one year

Fairview University Medical Center – University Campus (Minneapolis)

Scott Knoer, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the storage of records off site

Approved – one year

Fairview University Medical Center – University Campus (Minneapolis)

Scott Knoer, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the storage of the NCR copy of medication orders for 30 days with the original copy being kept in the patient's chart

Approved – one year (NCR copy must be kept if notes not on original or in computer are made on the NCR copy)

Fairview University Medical Center – University Campus (Minneapolis)

Scott Knoer, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of Matrix drawers in the automated medication dispensing system

Approved – one year

First Care Medical Services (Fosston)

John Nord, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the Director of Nursing or the Senior Unit Manager, at First Care Medical Services, to fill medication orders as prescribed on the physician order sheet of the institution, at times when the pharmacist would not be physically present and/or on duty

Approved – one year

Hendrix Health Center Pharmacy (Moorhead)

Mary Stende, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows your pharmacy to serve as custodian for physician samples and patient assistance-free medication programs for the Hendrix Health Center

Approved – one year

Hennepin County Medical Center Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

David Graves, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows Hennepin County Medical Center Pharmacy to dispense medications to the Hennepin County Jail using an ATC dispensing machine located at that site

Approved – one year (on condition you address how handling of return to stock will be done)

Ivanhoe Family Pharmacy (Ivanhoe)

Andrea Rost, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows you to stock prepackaged medications at the Divine Providence Clinic, in Minneota, where physicians will dispense those medications

Approved – one year

Lakes Snyder Drug (Forest Lake)

Daniel Hagen, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of the Pharmacy 1000 Automated Dispensing System

Approved – one year (on condition that training is addressed in policies and procedures; and, upon clarification regarding is item "C" intended to be the required certification?)

Leah's Pharmacy (Renville)

Leah Seehusen, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows you to utilize E-Facts as a reference in both the pharmacology and the dosage/ toxicology categories of references required by the Board

Approved – two years

Liebe Drug Inc. (Ortonville)

Arvid Liebe, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows you to provide pharmacy services to the residents of Clinton, Minnesota, through a system whereby prescriptions for patients in Clinton would be faxed to Liebe Drug, in Ortonville, for filling and delivered back to Liebe Variety, in Clinton, where they would be made available for pickup by the patient

Approved – one year (on condition you tell us how it's working; who the current technician is; and, if patient doesn't pick up prescription, what happens)

Long Term Care Associated Pharmacy (St. Cloud)

Jeffrey White, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows your pharmacy to accept returns of medications from the Stearns County Jail, the Benton County Jail, the Kanabec County Jail, St. Benedict's Community Center of St. Cloud and Monticello, and Sterling Park Health Care Center of St. Cloud, using the same medication distribution systems that have currently been approved for use in other long-term care facilities

Approved – one year (but no returns are allowed if medications have been kept in patient rooms)

MedSave Family Pharmacy (Bemidji)

Richard Chernugal, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows you to accept medication returns from Goldpine Home

Approved – one year (but send copy of quarterly inspection with next renewal)

Mercy Hospital Pharmacy (Coon Rapids)

Brent Kosel, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the storage of records at an off-site facility for Mercy Hospital Pharmacy

Approved – one year

Mercy Hospital Pharmacy (Coon Rapids)

Brent Kosel, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the maintenance of storage of NCR copies of medication orders in the pharmacy for 30 days

Approved – one year (NCR copy must be kept if notes not on original or in computer are made on the NCR copy)

Regions Hospital Pharmacy (St. Paul)

John VanDeVoort, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of an automated counting machine at your pharmacy with prescription verification/certification being made using NDC numbers and a video image of the drug being dispensed at the Regions Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy

Approved – one year (on condition: 1) loading–will pharmacist visually view; 2) clarify handling of returns; and 3) include a statement in your policies and procedures regarding the training of technicians)

Sterling Drug #3 (Albert Lea)

Robert Steffl, PIC

Extension of variance relating to the security of your pharmacy and the use of a motion detector alarm system, in lieu of extending the perimeter walls of the licensed area all the way to a solid ceiling

Variance No Longer Needed

Target Pharmacy T-643 (Apple Valley)

Ryke Sharpe, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of automated counting machines and new prescription processing software at Target Pharmacy

Deferred (need more information)

Target Pharmacy T-694 (Woodbury)

Michele Johnsen, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of automated counting machines and new prescription processing software at Target Pharmacy

Approved – one year (if you confirm you are actually following the procedures)

Thrifty White Drug #722 (Marshall)

Rebecca Bakker, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows you to supply pre-packaged medications to the Balaton Clinic

Approved – one year

Unity Hospital Pharmacy (Fridley)

William Shutte, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the storage of records at an off-site facility for Unity Hospital Pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreens Pharmacy #1151 (Moorhead)

Susan Black, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the operation of the Baker APS System in your pharmacy (specifically, seeking exemption to the Board's requirement for checking the immediate container from which the medication was withdrawn during the certification step of prescription filling)

Approved – one year (send us log of training)

Walgreens Pharmacy (Oakdale)

Steven Swanson, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System automated counting machines at your pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreens Pharmacy (Roseville)

Gene Skalko, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System automated counting machines at your pharmacy

Approved – one year (send us log of training)

Walgreens Pharmacy #06735 (St. Anthony)

Gregory Berglund, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System automated counting machines at your pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreens Pharmacy #2734 (Woodbury)

Nathan Jacobson, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System automated counting machines at your pharmacy

Approved – one year (send us log of training)

PIC Changes

Omnicare-Minnesota (Crystal)

Gary Oien, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows your pharmacy to automatically exchange emergency kits on a twice-weekly basis

Approved – one year

Omnicare-Minnesota (Crystal)

Gary Oien, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows your pharmacy to provide emergency stock of medication to detoxification/treatment centers

Approved – one year

Omnicare-Minnesota (Crystal)

Gary Oien, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows nursing staff, employed by Omnicare-Minnesota, to assist pharmacists with monthly inventory of emergency kits at long-term care facilities

Approved – one year

Omnicare-Minnesota (Crystal)

Gary Oien, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows your pharmacy to accept prescription medication returns from approved assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year

Omnicare-Minnesota (Crystal)

Gary Oien, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows your pharmacy to provide an emergency supply of medications to the Lake Owasso facility - E-kit

Approved – one year (who are considered the professional staff?)

Omnicare-Minnesota (Crystal)

Gary Oien, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows implementation of an automated medication management system in the sub-acute unit of the MN Masonic Home

Approved – one year (how is the unit loaded?)

Omnicare-Minnesota (Crystal)

Gary Oien, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows your pharmacy to increase the number of single doses of certain controlled substance narcotic analgesics for use in emergency kits located in sub-acute or transitional care units in specified locations

Approved – one year

Snyder's Drug Store #5090 (Shakopee)
Target Pharmacy T-1185 (North St. Paul)
Sandra Nagy, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of automated counting machines in the form of non-interfaced Baker cassettes in the pharmacy

Approved – one year (on condition they modify their policies and procedures to address: 1) providing ongoing training; 2) the issue of prevention of cross-contamination; and 3) whether the computer system will provide a description of the drug on the label or provide a handout)

Target Pharmacy T-9 (West St. Paul)
Wayne Salverda, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of automated counting machines in the form of non-interfaced Baker cassettes in the pharmacy

Approved – one year (on condition they modify their policies and procedures to address: 1) providing ongoing training; 2) the issue of prevention of cross-contamination; and 3) whether the computer system will provide a description of the drug on the label or provide a handout)

Walgreens Pharmacy (Richfield)
Laura Wallander, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System's automated counting cells in the pharmacy

Approved – one year (on condition the pharmacist will visually verify cell filling)